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Estimates of the Extent of Home Preservation
of Certain Fruits and Vegetables During 1944 (Revised)*

The table on the back of this sheet presents estimates of the total amounts of certain fruits and vegetables preserved in American homes during 1944. These estimates are derived from the reports of 1962 housewives carefully selected to represent all the households of the country. Each respondent was interviewed in her home; the interviewing was done between September 25 and October 15, 1944. It should be noted that approximately one-sixth of the respondents reported that they expected to do some home preserving subsequent to the time they were interviewed.

Although a large number of different foods were reported as having been preserved, national estimates are presented only for those foods which were preserved by a relatively large number of housewives. Dependable estimates of the total amounts of each of the less commonly preserved foods cannot be made from the present study. However, a rough approximation of the combined total of these foods is possible. If this miscellaneous total is added to the totals of the more commonly preserved foods, an estimate of the total amount of all foods preserved can be obtained.

The totals of preserved food are reported in quarts. The interviewers were specially instructed to ask the amount preserved in quarts and to convert into quarts any amounts reported in other units. The respondent in each case checked through a list of almost 50 specific foods; she was then asked if she had preserved "any other foods" which were not listed.

Because of the difficulty of sampling correctly the small number of people who preserved unusually large amounts of the different foods, the data in the table presented here are summarized in two forms. Estimates of the total amounts of the foods preserved, including the amounts put up by those people who preserved unusually large quantities, are given in the columns labelled "All cases." When the preserving done by this small section of the population is omitted from consideration, estimates may be made of the total amounts of the foods preserved by the remaining more than 99 percent of the nation's households. These are labelled "Adjusted."

*This report replaces an earlier statement of estimates issued by the Division of Program Surveys on December 9, 1944.

ESTIMATED MOUNTS OF CHITTAH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
PRESERVED IN AMERICAN HOMES DURING 1944
(In Quarts)

We are interested in the foods you preserved this year - that is, foods you canned, or dried, or froze, or put up in other ways. Did you preserve any?

	Non-farm All cases Adjusted	Farm All cases Adjusted	All households All cases Adjusted
Fruits	931,750,000	894,570,000	585,790,000
Tomatoes, tomato juice	449,190,000	429,700,000	290,150,000
Jams, jellies	201,120,000	184,620,000	101,530,000
Jellies (all types)	173,530,000	149,560,000	157,870,000
Sauerkraut, relishes	174,820,000	156,380,000	102,130,000
Cereals	55,450,000	43,250,000	34,570,000
Peas	42,610,000	41,150,000	84,990,000
Greens (all types)	14,540,000	14,540,000	15,280,000
Miscellaneous vegetables*	77,000,000	69,000,000	91,000,000
Totals:			
All cases	2,165,870,000	2,024,040,000	1,553,340,000
Adjusted			1,384,980,000
			<u>3,719,210,000</u>
			<u>3,409,020,000</u>
			<u>150,000,000</u>

This includes a number of vegetables which were vegetated preserved by small minors of households. Sweet potatoes are the only vegetable preserved in appreciable amounts which is not included.